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County of Wetaskiwin awarded \$1.3 Million in Municipal Stimulus Funding

The County of Wetaskiwin is pleased to announce that the Government of Alberta has awarded the County with \$1,329,075 through the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) for new infrastructure: \$629,075 allocated to the G3 Resource Road paving project and \$700,000 for Range Road 11 pavement upgrades. This funding is intended to assist the local area in recovering from economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the downturn in energy prices. It also allows the County to support local jobs and participate in future economic growth.

"I would like to thank Minister Allard of Municipal Affairs for funding these two projects" said Reeve Bishop. "We realize the current fiscal pressure on the provincial government and are grateful for your support in these necessary upgrades."

The G3 Resource Road was upgraded to a pre-pavement standard in 2020. This included upgrades to TWP RD 460 from RGE RD 242 to RGE RD 240 (3.12 km) and RGE RD 240 from TWP RD 460 to HWY 613 (3.30 km) and replacements of Bridge Files 73122, 1323 and 72952. These upgrades were completed October 2020. The Municipal Stimulus funding of \$629,075 will cover approximately 13% of the cost of paving the G3 Resource Road from the G3 entrance to Hwy 613.

All maintenance and capital upgrades to Range Road 11 North of Highway 13 are jointly funded by the County of Wetaskiwin, the Summer Village of Norris Beach and the Summer Village of Crystal Springs. The Municipal Stimulus Funding of \$700,000 will cover approximately 34% of the costs to upgrade, pave and replaced Bridge File 7312 on Range Road 11.

Work on G3 Resource Road and Range Road 11 is expected to begin in the Spring of 2021.

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